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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on December 12, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16 and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0252683 to Kennedy et al. in view of either U.S. Patent No. 5,845,267 to Ronen or U.S. Patent 6,938,171 to Isomichi et al.; rejected claims 17-19 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kennedy, Ronen or Isomichi et al. further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,262 to Kung; and rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kung et al. in view of Ronen.

In response, Applicant has amended claims 1-22 and cancelled claims 23-25. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 is distinguishable over the combination of Kennedy and Ronen or Isomichi et al. because the connection ID comprises a public IP address that is different from the two endpoints. None of the applied references teach or disclose using a connection ID that comprises a third public IP address.

Claim 12 is also distinguishable over the combination of Kung et al. in view of Ronen because the connection ID comprises a public IP address that is different from the three endpoints. None of the applied references teach or disclose using a connection ID that comprises a fourth public IP address.

Claims not specifically mentioned above are allowable due to their dependency on a rejected base claim.

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CONCLUSION

No additional fees are believed due. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees (including fees for petitions for extensions of time) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to account number 502117. Any overpayments should be credited to the same account.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, withdrawal of the rejections made in the last Office Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Applicant's representative can be reached at the below telephone number if the Examiner has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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